

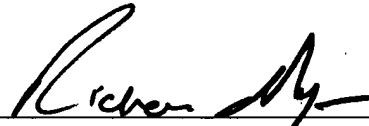
**REMARKS**

As stated above, the Remarks filed with the Amendment of January 2, 2004 are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

No fee is required for this correspondence.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the claims or the Application in general, please contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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